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SUBJECT: GERMANY BLOCKS EC AGRICULTURAL PRICE INCREASES

PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FAS/HUME

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1. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP CALAMIA (DIRECTOR, EC-GATT AFFAIRS) TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 26 THAT GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 20 EC AGMIN COUNCIL DECISION WAS "TOTALLY UN-

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EXPECTED" BY GOI. HE EMPHASIZED THIS WAS FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF

EC THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED ENDORSE COUNCIL AGREEMENT.

2. CALAMIA SAID GERMAN DECISION WAS "NOT A BIG PROBLEM" FOR ITALY, SINCE GOI BELIEVED IT DID NOT EMPLOY ANY OF THE "ILLEGAL" SPECIAL AIDS TO AGRICULTURE TO WHICH GERMANS WERE OBJECTING. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT GERMAN ACTION WAS A SEVERE BLOW TO THE COMMUNITY AS AN INSTITUTION.

3. CALAMIA STATED SPECIAL MEETING OF AG MINS WAS ANTICIPATED, PERHAPS THIS WEEK BUT CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPT 30, IN ORDER RESOLVE PRESENT CRISIS. HE NOTED GERMAN CONCERNS WERE ENTIRELY WITHIN AGRICULTURAL AREA AND NOT RPT NOT TIED TO OTHER MATTERS SUCH AS REGIONAL FUND.

4. THINKING OUT LOUD, CALAMIA REMARKED THAT UNTIL INTRA-EC AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS SETTLED--HE WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON WHEN OR HOW THIS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED--THERE COULD BE NO RPT NO CONSIDERATION OF AGRICULTURE IN MTN. HE FURTHER REMARKED THAT MTN WHICH EXCLUDED AGRICULTURE WOULD BE MEANINGLESS. BEAUDRY

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